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SUBJECT: GAMBIAN REACTION TO U.S. VETO OF ANGOLA'S MEMBERSHIP IN UN

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1. CHARGE SPOKE WITH ACTING SECGEN GOTG, M.M. SOSSEH (RANKING MINEXTAFF OFFICIAL IN ABSENCE DELEGATION NOW AT OAU CONFERENCE PORT LOUIS) JULY 2 TO EXPLAIN U.S. VETO ANGOLA MEMBERSHIP IN UN. SOSSEH LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO EXPLANATION OF POINTS RAISED PARA 3 REFTEL, BUT SAID HE HOPED U.S. WOULD SOON SEE WAY CLEAR TO NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA.

2. SOSSEH SAID MANY AFRICANS SHARE ANGOLAN CONCERN THAT SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT AGAIN SEND FORCES INTO ANGOLA, AND THEREFORE FEEL CONTINUED PRESENCE CUBAN TROOPS SERVES DETER SUCH PRETORIA INITIATIVE. HE HOPED U.S. WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT ANGOLAN UN APPLICATION IN SEPTEMBER, ADDING THAT IN POST-POLITICAL CONVENTION ATMOSPHERE USG MIGHT BE BETTER ABLE TAKE DECISION FAVORING ANGOLA MEMBERSHIP. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT CLEAR EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIAL CUBAN WITHDRAWALS BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER WOULD ALSO GREATLY IMPROVE CLIMATE FOR FAVORABLE U.S. RESPONSE.

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